

YAM—MIOSM

WHAT IS YAM and MIOSM?

These are celebrations that occur in March each year to promote the incredible artistic and musical opportunities available to students. YAM is Youth Art Month and MIOSM is Music In Our Schools Month. Both are recognized nationwide. Examples of activities that take place include art exhibits, concerts, fundraisers, and school arts events.

How did these two celebrations get started?

YAM started in 1961 through the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (Source: WAEA) By taking a month in the year to highlight art, the goal was to put the spotlight on art as a necessary part of a comprehensive education for all students. YAM is a way to inform the public about the skills and knowledge students at all levels gain through art.

MIOSM started in 1973, as a single statewide event in New York, but grew into a month-long nationwide celebration in 1985. (Source: NAFME) MIOSM's goal is to build understandings of music and stresses the important elements it contributes to a student's educational path.

Where can I find resources about YAM and MIOSM?

- [Council for Art Education](#)
- [National Association For Music Education](#)

Please share what your school community is doing to celebrate. I will be showcasing examples in an upcoming newsletter. Submit your plans online "[From the Field](#)." I can't wait to hear what incredible arts events are happening in your school.

-Julie



The Power of Arts Education



Message from
State Superintendent
Tony Evers

*"Arts programming makes
a lasting impact on the
lives of kids."*

The arts have a powerful way of building skills and techniques in learners, while shaping their abilities to be good neighbors, compassionate citizens, and articulate people. Hear the stories of students and staff from a set of four videos, along with the trailer, "[The Power of Arts Education](#)." These share the role the arts play in the lives of our students and their communities. State Superintendent Tony Evers also shares his message for a comprehensive arts education for all. [Video Profiles](#)

WI DPI Music Standards Review Survey

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Music Standards Review has begun. The [notice of intent](#) for this work is posted. Whether you are a music educator, parent, student, community member, administrator, or arts advocate, please provide your feedback to the public survey about the music standards. Links highlighting the process for the review are below, along with the survey.

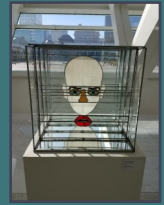
- [The standards review/revision process](#)
- [The checklist used for review of existing/new academic standards to determine if revision or development is needed](#)
- [Music Standards Survey](#)

Thank you for providing your responses to help inform the work of this review.

**Music Standards
Survey**

Scholastic Awards - WAEA Awards

Congratulations to the art students for participating in the [2017 Scholastic Art Awards: Wisconsin Exhibit](#). This show is at the Milwaukee Art Museum and available from February 4– March 19, 2017. [Click Sample Pieces of 2016 Exhibit](#)



To participate in a future Scholastic event, please click http://mam.org/learn/details/teachers_scholastic.php.

Wisconsin Choral Directors Conference

In January, choral educators gathered in Wausau for the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association Conference. The conference hosted educator sessions on vocal development, ensemble skills, vocal health and acoustics, and performance skills. Over four hundred singers, from fourth grade through college, performed within the WCDA All-State Choirs. There were six choirs from across the state selected to perform. The headliner for the event was the Cantus Men's Ensemble. Other special events included the All-State Women's Choir performance of the WCDA 2017 Composition Winning selection, "I Am Not Yours," written by Jonathan Kobs, a Chilton High School graduate and Luther College music education senior. The All-State Men's Choir rehearsed with the 2017 WCDA Conducting Competition Winner, McKenna Rakestraw, a music education senior at Carthage College. Thank you to the volunteers who coordinated these events and the Grand Theater for their partnership.

(Waterford Madrigal Singers — Derek Machan, director; Waukesha North Concert Choir — Joey Hyland, director; Photographer - Lisa Dukowitz)



Waterford Madrigal Singers



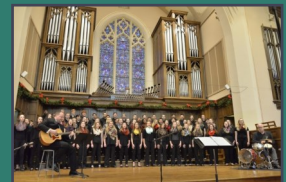
Waukesha North Concert Choir



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Wisconsin Education Conference

Indian Trail High School and Academy Wind Ensemble performed at the opening general session of the 2017 Wisconsin State Education Convention.



Don't forget to respond to the [Music Standards Survey](#).

Just In Time Links

Additional education sites:

[Annenberg Learner](#)
[ArtsEdge: Multimedia](#)
[Art of Education \(AOE\)](#)
[BadgerLink](#)
[BBC Learning Zone](#)
[Education Closet](#)
[From the Top](#)
[MAM Teacher Resources](#)
[PBS Arts](#)

[Teaching Channel](#)
[Teaching Today](#)
[Watch Know Learn](#)
[Wisconsin Biographies](#)



Please offer your ideas in the [Music Standards Survey](#).

Past Newsletter Issues

Events



- [WI DPI Fine Arts Professional Development Calendar](#)
- [Milwaukee Art Museum events and educator resources](#)
- [UW-Madison Arts & Humanities Events](#)
- [UW-Parkside Professional Development Courses](#). Register online. For questions, contact Marti Sopher, cacllc@charter.net; 608-772-0794
- [UW-Stevens Point Dance Productions](#)
- [VSA Wisconsin Events](#)
- [WCME Center Events, Professional Development Events](#)
- Wisconsin Arts Board—[Wisconsin Folk](#) site for events and artist lists.
- [Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture](#)
- [Woodson Art Museum Teacher Resource Guide](#), Wausau

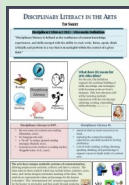


The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) and SEADAE launched the standards in June 2014. Wisconsin has not adopted these standards at this time. However, please review the standards in the areas of art, dance, media arts, music, and theatre, visit <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>. The current Wisconsin Academic Learning Standards are online at: [Art and Design Education](#), [Dance Education](#), [Music Education](#), [Theatre Education](#). **Districts are free to consider the new standards in their work if they choose. Check the April newsletter for more information.**



Model Cornerstone Assessments for the [National Core Arts Standards](#) in each of the arts areas have been drafted. Check the samples online - [Dance](#), [Media Arts](#), [Music](#), [Theatre](#), [Visual Arts](#)

Disciplinary Literacy - Arts



The [Tip Sheet](#) provides [DL Arts Examples](#). Visit the **calendar at the Fine Arts Professional Development** site. Contact [Julie Palkowski](#) if your district is interested in discussing face-to-face or networking options.

USING DL in your SLO

For fine arts educators considering a disciplinary literacy student learning objective, you may wish to check the [rubrics](#) created. These offer some assessment ideas in the areas of: reading, writing, listening, thinking, speaking, and performing in the arts. [Videos](#) for each of the DL tools highlights what each looks like in the arts.

Visit past newsletter issues [2012-13 #7 & #8](#) to learn more about DL and "Informational Text." Also visit [WI DPI Text Types](#), which includes informational text such as: music, art, and media resources.

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SLOs in the Arts

[SLO Arts Sharing Site](#) - Post your ideas online and get feedback from others.

Resources and online materials:

- [Student Learning Objectives in the Arts PD site](#) provides all session materials and extension activities for learning.
 - Fine Arts and Creativity newsletter issues [2013 Issue #3](#), [Issue #4](#)
 - [SLO in the Arts - Tip Sheet](#)
 - [Wisconsin DPI SLO Site](#)
 - [Updated Template \(Version 7\)](#)
 - [Template and Critical Friends Document](#)
- Wisconsin arts SLO examples and rubrics for: [Art](#), [Choir](#), [Dance](#), [Theatre](#), [Instrumental Music](#), [General Music](#), [Disciplinary Literacy SLO Rubric Examples](#)





State Superintendent News

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction updates are provided online. Highlights recently posted include:

- [DPI Site](#) - latest news and links
- [Agenda 2017: Every Child a Graduate, College and Career Ready](#)
- [DPI ConnectEd](#) - arts articles
- [Past Fine Arts Education Postings](#)

Thank you for your feedback in the [Music Standards Survey](#).

Google Communities

WI DPI Arts Education Google Communities - Click to join.

- [WI DPI Art Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Dance Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Media Arts Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Music Educators](#)
- [WI DPI Theatre Educators](#)



DPI Fine Arts Sites

- [Fine Arts and Creativity Education](#)
- [Fine Arts Pedagogy; Teacher Licensure](#) - fine arts
- Wisconsin Academic Standards posters:
 - ◇ [Art and Design](#)
 - ◇ [Dance](#)
 - ◇ [Music](#)
 - ◇ [Theatre](#)

Sharing Opportunities

Do you have an instructional strategy, creative assessment method, or engaging classroom resources to share? Submit ideas to:

- [Kudos](#) - news of honors, events, and special arts awards
- [From the Field](#) - classroom strategy sharing
- [Creative Classrooms](#) - innovative strategies/resource



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